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ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED ON COCAINE CHARGES

– Part of drug conspiracy which sold \$1.6 million of cocaine

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **PEDRO PACHECO-LOPEZ**, age 19, of 19155 Havasupai, Casa Grande, Arizona, **was sentenced** to 4 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced **Pacheco-Lopez** to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system. Pacheco-Lopez** is an illegal alien and is subject to deportation after serving his sentence.

Pacheco-Lopez pled guilty and admitted that from March 2, 2006 until March 13, 2006, in Jefferson County, he, along with co-defendants, **Rogelio Omar Santos-Montelongo** and **Gerardo Castro-Acosta**, both of whom were sentenced to 6 years and 6 months imprisonment on February 23, 2007, conspired to distribute 15.97 kilograms of cocaine, worth approximately \$1,600,000 on the street. **Pacheco-Lopez** originally brought this cocaine to Louisville. He was also present at 6006 Cooper Chapel Road, where the cocaine was delivered, and he admitted to driving the "load truck" from Phoenix to Louisville. Agents discovered the load truck at the delivery location, with the drive shaft removed. Cocaine residue was discovered inside the drive shaft. The 16 kilograms

of cocaine were consistent in shape with the cylindrical drive shaft. **Rogelio Omar Santos-Montelongo** and **Gerardo Castro-Acosta** are also illegal aliens and subject to deportation after serving their sentences.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Hall, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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